

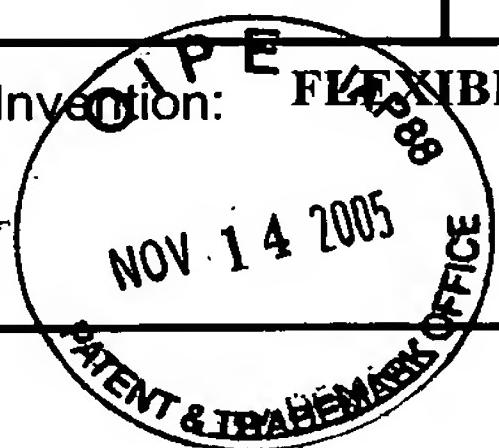
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26978 USA

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

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